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ON PROTECTIONIST DANGERS AND THE MULTIFIBER
AGREEMENT

REF: EC BRUSSELS 1959

1. IN AN ADDRESS ON FEBRUARY 26 AT AN INTERNATIONAL
CLOTHING FAIR IN COLOGNE, COMMISSIONER HAFERKAMP WARNED
ABOUT THE DANGERS OF PROTECTIONISM, BUT ALSO CALLED FOR
STRENGTHENING THE MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT TO GIVE TEXTILE
INDUSTRIES IN IMPORTING COUNTRIES THE TO ADAPT TO THE
CHANGING COMPETITIVE SITUATION. HAFERKAMP CITED AS
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RECENT EXPRESSIONS OF PROTECTIONISM THE CALLS FOR
COMMERCIAL PATRIOTISM IN FRANCE; INCREASED EFFORTS TO
ESTABLISH VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINTS, PARTICULARLY
WITH REGARD TO STEEL, INCREASING COMPLAINTS OF UNFAIR
COMPETITION AND DUMPING; EFFORTS TO SET UP CARTELS
OR MARKET PARTITIONING, FOR EXAMPLE IN SHIPBUILDING;
AND THE RAPID GROWTH OF VARIOUS TYPES OF EXPORT

PROMOTION AIDS.

2. HAFERKAMP WARNED THAT THE EUROPEAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY MUST RATIONALIZE AND SPECIALIZE IN ORDER TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION. HOWEVER HE ASSURED HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE EC WILL IN THE FUTURE BE ON GUARD TO PREVENT MARKET DISTURBANCES DUE TO SUDDEN AND EXCESSIVE INCREASES OF IMPORTS OF INDIVIDUAL PRODUCTS. HAFERKAMP SAID THAT THE MFA HAS WITHOUT DOUBT CONTRIBUTED TO STABILIZATION OF WORLD TEXTILE TRADE. THE COMMISSION THEREFORE BELIEVED THAT THE FRAMEWORK OF THIS AGREEMENT SHOULD BE CONTINUED, BUT THAT CERTAIN WEAK POINTS IN REGARD TO ITS OPERATION SHOULD BE ELIMINATED. THE NEW MFA SHOULD ON THE ONE HAND PROMOTE THE INTEGRATION OF LDCS INTO THE WORLD ECONOMY WHILE ON THE OTHER HAND CREATING THE PREREQUISITES FOR AN ORDERED TEXTILE TRADE AND PERMITTING THE DOMESTIC TEXTILE INDUSTRY TO ADAPT GRADUALLY TO THE CHANGING COMPETITIVE SITUATION. CASH

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